

**WASHINGTON. D.C.** – House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Ranking Member Darrell Issa (R-CA) released the following statement today regarding the Department of Justice's decision to file papers in federal court arguing for a reversal of the Eastern Court Judge Nina Gershon's ruling last week which found a congressional ban on funding for ACORN to be a bill of attainder:

"Given the numerous ongoing investigations being conducted surrounding ACORN's criminal activities, the federal government will and should vigorously defend what the President signed and Congress overwhelmingly passed—a bipartisan recognition that ACORN is not fit to receive federal funds to perform duties on behalf of the American people," said Issa, also a member of the House Judiciary Committee. "There is no plausible way we can allow a left-wing activist Judge usurp the authority of the President and Congress in an effort to bypass Constitutional authority so that a criminal organizations plagued by criminal accusations can have a court-ordered to entitlement to taxpayer dollars."

Earlier in the week, Ranking Member Issa and Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Lamar Smith (R-TX) sent Attorney General Eric Holder a letter urging the department to immediately appeal the ruling.

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